

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 7, 2005. In view of the foregoing amendments and following representations, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

By the above amendment, the term "substantially" has been removed from independent claims 6 and 11. Thus, claims 6-7 and 11-12 are currently pending in the present application.


In the previous Office Action, claims 6, 7, 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by JP 5-50177. The rejection was premised on the Examiner's position that the term "substantially" broadened the limitation previously determined to be allowable in the Office Action of December 21, 2004. Accordingly, each of independent claims 6 and 11 have been amended to remove the term "substantially", thereby clearly distinguishing over the applied reference for the reasons set forth by the Examiner in the "Response to Arguments" section of the Office Action.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the present application is now clearly in condition for allowance. The Examiner therefore is requested to pass this case to issue.

In the event that the Examiner has any comments or suggestions of a nature necessary to place this case in condition for allowance, then the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney by telephone to promptly resolve any remaining matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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